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Woleaians
Ifalik

"On the whole, raw materials to be found on Ifalik and nearby atolls, whether supplied by nature or introduced by man, add up to a decidedly meager offering. Among food-stuffs, only coconuts, taro--more exactly, pulax--and breadfruit are plentiful. (Breadfruit is a seasonal crop but, as will be shown, is available between bearing seasons in preserved form. Seafood is present in great variety. The quantity available varies with the seasons and with other factors.

Some of these, such as the movements of fish that travel in schools, are so uncontrollable and unpredictable that they can only be classified as 'fishermen's luck.' Others include fishing equipment and techniques. Because of their importance, this matter will be considered again at the close of the account of fishing technology."

"Elato Islands, 5 miles westward of Lamotrek Islands, consist of two atolls, the southern enclosing one lagoon and the northern two lagoons. Elato Island is the largest of four islets on the northern atoll, and Toas Island is the larger of the two on the [542] southern atoll. Elato Island is flat, sandy, and covered with trees; natives from neighboring islands come here to obtain material for canoes. Trees also grew on the islet of the southern atoll. . . .

Anchorage has been found in a depth of 11 fathoms in the northern lagoon and about 1/2 mile south of the western extremity of Elato Island. The sandy beach on the southwest side of this island is easily reached by small boats.

"A narrow entrance, available only to small boats, leads into the lagoon of the southern atoll."